



COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

'Newsletter'

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Term 1 Week 8
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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8! The term is flying by and each week that passes gives us reason to pause and reflect on the fantastic progress of our students so far this year! I have been so impressed on my walks around the school over the past week, to see such high-quality learning happening in every classroom and students who are continually on task, safe and respectful.

COVID-19

I wish to assure all families that Cowra Public School continues to operate as normal. We are receiving daily updates regarding the COVID-19 virus and are following the advice provided by the Department of Education and the Department of Health in managing this situation within our school. This advice has included practicing good hygiene, including frequent and thorough handwashing, nose blowing, covering coughs and social distancing. We advise families that if your child is feeling unwell, they are required to stay at home. The school will contact parents immediately if a child presents unwell to ensure that we do not have illness move through the school. It is important that we remain calm but vigilant, and to reassure our students/children if they are feeling anxious. Please encourage your children to talk to you if they are worried. At school we will endeavour to keep our routines as "normal" as possible whilst still taking all necessary precautions. Students should still be attending school if they are in good health. There will, however, be some adjustments to our school activities especially those involving other schools and travel. At present, the following activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice:

- ◆ All PSSA Sports Knockout matches and trials
- ◆ Primary and Infants Assemblies
- ◆ Scripture
- ◆ "Stronger Together" Day at Holman Oval
- ◆ Off-site sport (all students will participate in 'class sport' on Fridays, as several local venues are now unavailable)
- ◆ Cowra Festival of International Understanding
- ◆ CWA Public Speaking
- ◆ School Cross Country
- ◆ Western Dance Camp
- ◆ Hockey Gala Day
- ◆ Peachey/Richardson Rugby League Gala Day
- ◆ Riding for the Disabled
- ◆ Any non-essential meetings

There will, no doubt, be more adjustments to be made in the near future and we will keep families updated via the School Newsletter and Facebook page. Working as a whole community has never been more important than now, and we thank you for your ongoing support.



Dates to Remember

Assemblies and sporting events have been postponed or cancelled due to the COVID 19 virus.

The last day of term is Thursday, 9th April 2020.

The first day of term 2 will be Tuesday, 28th April 2020.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs each morning from:
8.40am until 8.55am



Our school wide

PBL focus for Week 9:

Primary:

Asking Questions

Infants: Ignoring

RDA "Ice Cream Spider" Fundraiser

Well done to our SRC and Support Classes on the "Ice Cream Spider" Fundraiser they held last Friday to support the Cowra Riding for the Disabled! In total, \$262.00 was raised and this will be donated to RDA used to purchase much-needed hay for the horses. Thank you to Miss Irvine, Mrs Partridge, Mrs Hattenfels and Mrs Duke for their organisation and assistance on the day.

Congratulations to our Western PSSA Swimmers!

Congratulations to all our Western Region swimmers who completed at the PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Friday. Our relay teams swam so well, and many of our swimmers recorded personal best times. A big thank you to Mr Garlick for his organisation of the Cowra District Team and also to all the CPS parents who assisted with transport on the day.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. In May our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. To prepare our students for using the online format, we will be conducting some practice assessments for Year 3 and 5 students **over the next two weeks**. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure every child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site at <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>. If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher. For more information please go to: <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Spotlight on WILAY!

Each week in our Newsletters, we will be shining the spotlight on a particular class in the school. This week we would like to share some of the amazing work from the Stage 3 students in Miss Noble's class, Wilay!

Have a great week...

Jenny Lewis
Principal

Our Support classes held a fundraiser for the Riding For the Disabled. Everyone enjoyed their Ice Cream Spiders!



Cowra Public was well represented at the Western Region Swimming Carnival held at Dubbo recently.

They represented Cowra Public School with pride!





SRC Easter Competition

How many Easter Eggs are in the jar?

Take a guess for 50c or 5 guesses for \$2.

Each lunchtime in the playground
starting Monday 23rd of March until
Friday 3rd of April.

One jar for infants and one for primary!

Winners get the jar!



Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

Stage 3 Excursion

The Stage 3 excursion which is being held from the 30th November to 4th December is still going ahead.

Please keep making regular payments throughout this term and term 2.

Bronwyn Johnson
Excursion Co-ordinator

Office News

Book Club

Issue 2 closes tomorrow, 20th March. All orders are placed on line.

St 2 & St 3 students were given a copy of the current NSW Dept of Ed "Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Policy" please read, sign and return to classroom teacher.

We are taking payment for:

Stage 3 Excursion:

\$50 non refundable deposit (spots are still available)

\$37.50 Instalment due

Band:

\$25 per term if using school instrument

\$15 per term if using your own instrument

All payments can be made "on-line"

1. Go onto the C.P.S. website
2. Click on Make a Payment
3. Enter name, class, DOB , band etc
4. Contact details
5. Payment type
6. Card details

The school is notified each day of the previous day's payments, then a receipt is issued to the student to take home.

Allison & Jennifer

Classroom News

Week 8

Wilay 3N



With the festival of international understanding fast approaching Wilay have been learning lots about the host nation, New Zealand. We had a special visitor who taught us how to make a Poi



Poi is a form of dance, where weights on the end of tethers are swung through the rhythmical patterns. Poi dance is part of the Maori culture.



ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



Up to 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat



6 months to 4 years

Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



4+ years

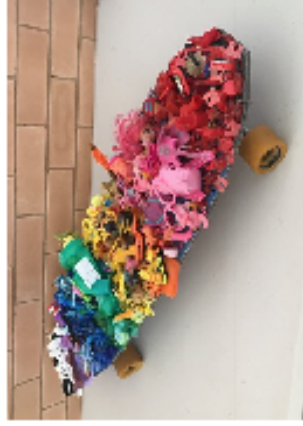
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

LAST YEARS ENTRIES



R. A. F. C. A Event Day

When: Sunday 20th September

Where: Cowra Aquatic Centre



TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Materials are available free of charge from the Materials recycling Facility (MRF), Glen Logan Rd, Cowra.
- Other materials sourced by entrants may be used in accordance with the conditions of entry.

TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE



Celebrations & Holidays

RECYCLED ART FOR
COWRA AWARD
2020

10 Year Anniversary



AFL Juniors

The Cowra Blues are looking for players for junior teams with the season to begin in early May.

An initial registration session will be held for 12s and 14s on Thursday 12 March at 4:30pm at Mulyan Oval. Players turning 10 to 14 (boys and girls) this year are encouraged to attend.

Training begins Thursday 26 March.



Cowra Junior Soccer Registrations 2020

Registrations are now open on-line for junior soccer this winter in Cowra. On-line registrations will remain open until Sunday 5th April.

PLEASE ENSURE IF USING AN ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER YOU HAVE APPLIED BEFORE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD AND YOU HAVE THE NUMBER ON YOU WHILE YOU REGISTER!

Fees this year are:

Ages 5-8: \$120

Ages 9 and above: \$140

The competition is scheduled to start on 2nd May.

Late Registrations for players after April 5th will cost an extra \$50.

To register online, please go to the following site:

<https://registration.playfootball.com.au>

From here you can find your FFA number and login, then follow the prompts.

If you have any problems, please send an email to cowra.junior.soccer@gmail.com



 **Cancer Council**
HealthyLunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way ... to wash away germs.

Washing hands before eating is important.



1. Wet hands with warm water
2. Apply soap
3. Lather & Scrub for 20 seconds
4. Rinse hands with warm water for 20 seconds
5. Turn off tap
6. Dry hands thoroughly

healthylunchbox.com.au

COWRA Services CLUB
EASTER
EGGSTRAVAGANZA
KIDS DISCO
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH
2PM-5PM

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
40 PRIZES TO BE WON

Lots of fun for the whole family



Mr Embroidery Cowra

C.P.S. Winter Uniform

ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

One lucky shopper will win their total order FREE.

Return form by the 3rd April 2020 to be eligible.

GARMENTS	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
CPS Fleece Lined Jacket 6-16			\$63.00	
CPS Fleece Lined Jacket S-3XL			\$67.50	
Tunic 4-18			\$63.00	
Girls L/S Blouse, Boys L/S Shirt 4-30			\$30.60	
Grey Cargo Pants Oz Surf 4-16			\$36.00	
Grey Cargo Pants Oz Surf S-3XL			\$37.80	
Grey Double Knee Trousers 4-16			\$34.60	
Microfibre Trackpants 4-16			\$36.00	
Microfibre Trackpants S-3XL			\$40.00	
CPS Embroidered bucket hat			\$10.80	
Knee high white socks			\$5.50	
3 pack short white socks			\$14.35	
3 pack short grey socks			\$14.35	
Sports polo 4-16			\$20.00	
Sports polo S-3XL			\$22.75	
Royal polar fleece jumper 4-14			\$34.20	
Royal polar fleece jumper S-3XL			\$40.00	
Navy Tights			\$12.75	

TOTAL	\$
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Please return order forms by 3rd April 2020,

To 119a Kendal St @ Mr Embroidery

Email: mrembroider@cowra.net.au

Ph 6341 3163. Thankyou

All form prices are reduced by 10%

Laybys Welcome

orders cannot be picked up before 20th April